

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings is a formal version of Fig. 6 and replaces the original sheet.

The Fig. has not been amended

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 page)

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Examiner's careful consideration of the issues in this application are greatly appreciated. The indication that claims 12-17, 26 and 27 are allowed is appreciatively noted. These claims are retained, and a typographical error in claim 26 has been corrected. Claims 9-11 and 21-23 are objected to and these claims are amended into independent form, and are retained herein.

A formal drawing for figure 6 is presented herein.

The rejected claims 2-8, 18-20, 24 and 25 are canceled herein.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

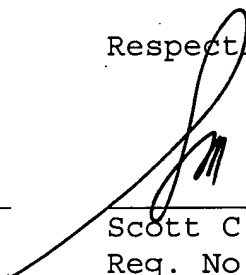
claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. It is believe no fee is due, however, please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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